

BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION
MARCH 8, 2007
OKI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Executive Director's Report (Mark Policinski)

- Brian Cunningham has recently been hired by OKI as Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs.
- ODOT is looking at reviewing the criteria for major construction projects. This could affect projects for FY 2010 and out. As developments occur, the information will be passed on.
- STP Funds become available for Ohio – Two projects have slipped outside the 2008-11 time frame. The estimated total available to spend is \$8.4 million. Normally, OKI would review the list of projects that had not been funded in the previous year's requests. Last year, all Ohio project requests were funded. Since we have a process that is already proven and established, OKI will follow the procedure with a few modifications because of the smaller dollar amount available.

Next week a letter will be sent to all OKI Ohio entities outlining the procedures and timelines for submitting requests. In the meantime, here is a synopsis of what the Executive Committee approved:

Timeline -

- March 15 – Letter will be sent to Ohio entities
- June 1 – Requests for projects to be funded due and will be sent through the prioritization process and committee
- August 7 – ICC (technical committee) will review and discuss the prioritizations and make recommendations
- August 9 – OKI Executive Committee will act on the ICC recommendations

Qualifications –

- Overruns – in the past staff has always set aside dollars for overruns by the projects. Because these new projects will be bid in the current price environment, *no funds will be set aside for overruns.*
- Issue – Normal prioritization process limits the number of submissions by an entity to three (3) and sets a percentage (40%) of the total dollars available with a minimum local match of 20%. Because of the smaller amount available, *each entity will be limited to one (1) project submission that amounts to no more than 30% of the \$8.4 million with a minimum local match of 20%.*
- *Priority will be given for projects that can be delivered sooner.* That is, a project that would be ready for a request for funding for the 2012 year or out, but could be moved up to the 2008-2011 timeframe, would be given a better prioritization.

Public Service Recognition – Under a separate attachment, is the nomination form for the 2007 Regional Public Service Recognition. This is to recognize superior performance by a public employee or public service volunteer beyond the expectations of the position held, and which serves as an example to others.

This form is due at OKI by Friday, April 6, 2007 but must be submitted by an OKI Board or Executive Committee Member. If you know of someone who goes above and beyond what is expected, I would encourage you to complete the form as best as possible and ask a board or committee member to submit the form. You can access the list of board and committee members by going to www.oki.org and then clicking on OKI Overview (appears in the left hand column).

Presentation on the Dearborn County Rt. 50 Recommendations – Bill Miller and Erin from ME Companies presented the report and recommendations on how Rt. 50 can be improved in Dearborn County, Indiana.

NOTE: In addition to the summary of this study, I have copies of the Western Hamilton County study for anyone who is interested. Please let me know and I can get you copies of these reports.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
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